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PROMINENT DRUG MERCHANT RETIRES

Chas. G. Rhodes Sells Business to C. R. Murphy this Week.

IN BUSINESS TWENTY YEARS

Connected With Republic Motor Truck Co., State Bank and Other Institutions

Charles G. Rhodes, prominent drug merchant in this city for twenty years, will retire from active business affairs as an Alma merchant July 1st, according to an announcement made by Mr. Rhodes, Tuesday. The business will be continued under the ownership and management of Charles R. Murphy, who has been in charge of the prescription work for over sixteen years. Mr. Rhodes will remain in the city and, for the present, will interest himself in various business enterprises in the city with which he has been closely affiliated for several years.

Mr. Rhodes came to this city in 1896 from Elk Rapids, his boyhood home, and with E. A. Bivins purchased the drug business of C. E. Mahan. The business at the time of the re-organization under Mr. Rhodes and Mr. Bivins was located in the Wright opera house block, but in 1901 owing to the increase in business and desiring a more prominent location the stock was removed to its present situation in the Pollasky building.

In 1903 Mr. Bivins left this city for the west disposing of his partnership to Mr. Rhodes. Since becoming manager and owner Mr. Rhodes has built up a business that is not rivaled in the county. Mr. Rhodes has been the senior drug merchant in the city for several years.

Not only in business affairs has Mr. Rhodes been prominent since coming to the city. For ten years he has been called upon to lead the educational affairs of the community as a member of the Board of Education, and as a director of the school district has taken an active part in elevating the local school to high position in the consideration of the state authorities. When the Republic Motor Truck company was organized in 1913 Mr. Rhodes was elected secretary of the Board of Directors and continues to hold that official position in connection with that institution.

As a director of the First State Bank, vice-president of the Board of Trade, a director of the Alma Building & Loan association and a member of the Board of Trustees of the First Presbyterian church, Mr. Rhodes has taken a keen interest in all things that have been for the financial, industrial and civic development of this city.

Charles R. Murphy, who purchased this week, the drug business formerly owned by C. R. Rhodes, has been actively engaged in the drug business for nearly seventeen years. Mr. Murphy started in the drug business in this city, received his diploma from Ferris institute of Big Rapids and returned to this city to take charge of the prescription work of the business of which he is now owner. Mr. Murphy announces that there will be no change in the policy of the store and that he will endeavor to conduct it in the same efficient manner of previous years. Rodney Burgess, who received his diploma from Ferris institute last spring will assist Mr. Murphy in the business.

WEBB FAMILY REUNION

The annual reunion of the Webb family and relatives was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Snell and Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Brant last week. Over half a hundred guests sat down to the reunion banquet. The out of town guests were Mr. and Mrs. Charles Webb, Williamston; Mr. Claude Webb and Mr. Frank McGee, Lansing; Mr. and Mrs. George Osborn, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Humphrey, Riverdale; Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Childs, Shepherd and Mrs. Florence Webb and son of Elwell. The reunion will be held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Webb of Williamston, next year.

ANNUAL REUNION HELD

The annual reunion of the class of 1900 of the Saginaw General hospital was held at the home of Mrs. C. R. Murphy on Maple avenue, Wednesday, Thursday the guests spent the day at the summer cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Murphy at Bass Lake. The following members of the class were present: Mrs. Glen Reynolds of Corrua, Mrs. Andrew Seeley of Holly, Mrs. Isaac McKillen of Imlay City and Mrs. Chas. R. Murphy. Mrs. Ellen Cummings of the Saginaw Homestead Rescue Mission for Girls was also present.

FATES FOLLOW BOWMAN

Accidents Are Coming His Way on Schedule Time

The fates have laid out a cruel future for Frank Bowman judging from the experience he has passed through thus far on life's rough and rugged pathway. Everybody expects to meet with a few hard knocks and a little rough usage now and then, while piloting along with Father Time, but when the fates deliberately take it out on one individual year in and year out in passes out of the realm of accident and begins to look as if the Old Girls were really taking out their spite.

A few years ago Frank Bowman was working on a farm south of this city. One day he was ordered to run a corn shredder Bowman don't just remember how the accident occurred, but when he came to he had lost his left arm, the member being torn from the socket by the machine.

The following year while employed on another farm a young cyclone picked Bowman up during the night, carried him a couple hundred yards and left him in a half dead condition. It took him several weeks to get straightened around and after this accident he began to feel that he was a marked man. It seemed that every time any accident occurred in the community Bowman had the leading role.

Bowman had almost forgotten that the fates had him spotted until he was again reminded of the fact when he was kicked into unconsciousness by a ferocious horse just a few days ago. Bowman is able to be around and that is all. He says it is all up with him. Now he knows they are after him.

SETTLEMENT REACHED IN SUSDRF-BOYD CASE

Boyd Agrees to Drop Case When Plaintiff Withdraws Charges

Following a rather sensational legal battle of two days before Judge Kelly S. Searl in circuit court the \$10,000 damage suit of Auley Susdorf against Frank Boyd for the alleged alienation of his wife's affections came to an abrupt and last week when by the consent of Mr. Boyd the charges were withdrawn and each party settled the costs. Mrs. Susdorf was given \$6,000 in cash and allowed a cross bill of divorce against her husband.

Charles Goggins attorney for the defendant has this to say of the case: "Previous to 1908 the Susdorfs and Boyds were neighbors on their farms in the central part of Illinois. Susdorf moved to Michigan in 1908 and purchased the farm property in Gratiot county and was influential in getting Boyd to sell his property in Illinois and come to Michigan, which he did in 1914. The friendship that had played such a part in the life of these families back in the old home state was renewed, and it was not uncommon for both families to make neighborly calls several times during the week.

"In August, 1915, Susdorf suddenly separated from his wife making no statement at the time as to the cause of his action. The following November the mystery was cleared up when he began action in the courts to secure damages to the extent of \$10,000 giving as his reason the alleged alienation of his wife's affections by his old friend and neighbor, Frank K. Boyd. Closely following the filing of the bill against Boyd he commenced action to secure a divorce from his wife alleging for his action the alienation of Mrs. Susdorf's affections by the defendant.

"Monday of last week the trial opened in circuit court at Ithaca. After endeavoring for two days to build up testimony Susdorf was forced to retract his allegations, practically no testimony being brought forward in support of the charges. The claim of the attorneys for the defense was that Mrs. Susdorf's affections were alienated because of the cruel treatment and conduct of Susdorf towards his wife. When the case went to pieces Boyd had 60 witnesses subpoenaed in his behalf. A settlement of property matters was effected at the time the damage charges against Boyd were withdrawn by which Mrs. Susdorf receives \$6,000 in cash and is granted a divorce.

ELM HALL TO CELEBRATE

Elm Hall has announced a big home coming day for Tuesday, July 18 and is planning on having one of the most complete celebrations in the history of the village. The committee are planning to bring back as many of the old settlers as possible, and are making arrangements to hold an old fashion country dinner. Further particulars will be announced at a later date, but old residents of Elm Hall are asked to check the eighteenth day of next month as the big day of July and come to their home town.

ILLNESS CAUSES LOCAL SUICIDE

Mrs. I. M. Yerian, Wright Ave., Takes Own Life Monday Afternoon.

DESPONDENT FOR SOME TIME

Husband Found Her Upon Returning to His Home From Work

Despondency was the cause for Mrs. Israel Yerian, 393 Wright avenue, taking her own life at her home Monday evening by asphyxiation. Mrs. Yerian had been in ill health for several months. She was found reclining in a chair by her husband when he returned from work in the evening.

When Mr. Yerian left for work Monday morning there was no indication on the part of Mrs. Yerian that she had made any plans to take her life. In the afternoon while working in the kitchen she deliberately stuffed up the cracks with rags and opened up the eight burners of the gas range. There was no indication of any struggle.

Mrs. Yerian was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theron A. Johnson, pioneers of Pine River township, and has resided in this vicinity most of her life. She received her education in the country schools and also at Alma college.

In 1911 she was married to I. M. Yerian at that time going to a farm near Pontiac. After two years there she was compelled to return to this city on account of ill health caused by nervous prostration. Mrs. Yerian found little relief from the best physicians until recently when she seemed to improve and returned to her home on Wright avenue. Mr. Yerian is employed at the Republic Motor Truck factory.

The funeral services were held this afternoon from the home on Wright avenue at 7:30 o'clock.

BANK ELECTS OFFICERS

L. A. Sharp Will Head Local Banking Institution

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the First State Bank held in the director's room of the bank this morning Lester A. Sharp was elected president of the institution to succeed Gerrit S. Ward, deceased. Other officers elected were Francis King, vice president; Carl Washburn, cashier; C. O. Ward, assistant cashier and John Knoetzer, assistant cashier.

IDLEHOUR THEATER OPENS

The Idlehour theater opened up under the management of Clarence Miller of Grand Rapids last week, gives this city one of the most complete moving picture theaters in this part of the state. Mr. Miller is an experienced man in entertaining the public and emphatically states that he is going to give the theater enthusiasts of the city the best in moving pictures.

The theater has an equipment that is modern in every respect. Two of the latest type motor driven picture machines enables the management to give a continuous picture without delays in changing films as is the usual practice in other theaters. A Wagner white light converter has also been installed to take the "flicker" out of the pictures, and with a satin-gold fiber screen, the best that can be bought, the pictures will be as clear and sharp four or five rows from the front as further in the rear of the auditorium.

The ventilation of the theater has been one of the great considerations of Mr. Miller. Electric fans are employed to keep the air in the theater clean and cool. Since the theater opened a week ago the nights have been warm, but the large audience have not been uncomfortable in the least.

One of the nice things about the Idlehour theater is the attractive and quiet decorations of the theater walls. Mr. Miller has endeavored to make all the appointments in this line pleasing to the eye and has not failed in his attempt. The opera seats are large and easy, which adds much to moving picture entertainment. The Idlehour theater management has an announcement relative to the weekly programs in this issue.

SECOND ANNUAL CELEBRATION

The St. Louis Kid Band will celebrate on Saturday afternoon and evening, July 1st. Two band concerts; free movies; free skating rink; two hours of sports on elevated platform in middle of Main street; one thousand presents thrown from the business places into the street, and fireworks in the evening, are some of the attractions.

WILL APPEAL CASE

James Mills, Injured at P. M. Crossing Failed in Suit

The plaintiff, James Mills, in the accident suit against the Pere Marquette Railroad company, will probably carry the case to the supreme court is the statement of the Mills attorneys. A verdict of no cause for action was handed down by Judge Searl in circuit court, last week. The accident around which the case was built occurred at a Pere Marquette crossing in this city November 5, 1915.

DELUXE PROGRAM FOR CHAUTAUQUA WEEK

Redpath Management Announces Excellent List of Attractions for City

The advertising campaign previous to this city's fourth summer chautauqua will probably commence in the course of a few days, according to announcement made by members of the local chautauqua committee. The time of the chautauqua has been changed to an earlier date than that previously announced and will be held the week of July 31 under the management of the Redpath Chautauqua bureau of Chicago.

The program announced by the Redpath bureau is one of the most wonderful collection of talent that has ever been placed on a circuit chautauqua program, and has been drawing out the largest audiences in the history of the chautauqua according to newspaper critics in the states where the chautauqua has already pitched its tent this season.

Julia Claussen, the great musical climax of the entire chautauqua program, appears on the last night of the week. Julia Claussen comes from the land long ago made famous by Jenny Lind. Her versatility is apparent when one stops to think that during the Chicago Grand Opera season last winter she sang in German, Italian, and French roles. On her chautauqua tour she will sing a portion of her program in English. It is said of Julia Claussen that she has never had an adverse criticism.

A strikingly new note is seen in this year's program in the production of Percy Mackaye's "Sanctuary," a bird masque and pageant with special costumes, and with a woodland setting secured through a newly invented process for throwing pictures directly on the air without the aid of a screen. Ernest Harold Baynes, a well known naturalist, is to play the part of Shy, the naturalist, in the masque in the evening and in the afternoon will deliver a lecture on birds and animals.

The White Hussars, 13 in all, scheduled for two performances with Alfred Sweet, director, have developed a high standard in band music and they also appear as a vocal choir of equal merit. They have appeared in transcontinental tours for several seasons, appeared in all the large cities.

On the third night of the chautauqua a half hour's address will be given by an authority on the place of the drama in community life. Following this the "Parish Players" will present one act from "The War Zone," which not only interests but has a lesson. A scene from that old classic "The School for Scandal" will follow, then a romantic play, and lastly, a clever and pleasing comedy.

The Weather Wax Bros., a vocal and trumpet quartet, who appear early in the week, first appeared in Iowa during the initial campaign of President McKinley, and have been on the platform ever since, delighting great audiences in all parts of the country.

Allen B. Albert, president of the International Association of Rotary clubs, chairman of the Civic Federation of Minnesota, president of the Minnesota Academy of Social science, and former editor of the Minnesota Tribune, will deliver an evening address.

Dr. E. T. Hagerman, who has occupied six leading pulpits of his denomination in six leading cities, a genius in word painting, and his thoughts emphasized by natural wholesome wit, has the gift of putting truth very simply. Dr. Hagerman will be heard during the afternoon of the closing day.

Other interesting attractions will be announced later. The usual attention will be given this season to the morning hour and the children's work, in fact the story tellers and play ground workers will remain one day longer in each city than they did a year ago.

ATTENTION

We have a large stock of the following articles, which we will sell at 10 per cent off, July 4th. Refrigerators, screen doors, convector wares, scythes, snaths and all granite ware. H. B. Hough, 114 E. Superior St.

CARRANZA MUST ANSWER TODAY

President Goes Before Congress this Afternoon with Plans.

TROOPERS REPORTED FREED

Several Clashes Have Occurred Along Border Between Mexico and U. S. Soldiers

General Trevino has ordered that the American prisoners taken in the flight at Carrizal, and now held at the penitentiary at Chihuahua City, be released. This dispatch was sent out from El Paso, Texas. Reports sent out from Washington say that no comment has been made on the release.

It is stated, however, by officials at Washington that Trevino's action taking of course on word from Carranza complies only with part of the demands of the United States. This country demanded that Carranza "declare his attitude" towards the United States and no intimation is made in the answer to the note of the administration.

Secretary Lansing remains mum on the press accounts coming from Mexico and it is thought that, perhaps, the department has not as yet been officially informed of the attitude of Carranza. Special Agent Rogers has informed Lansing that the American soldiers have been released.

The message from Rogers was the first word the department had heard from him since he reported the delivery of the note to Carranza. There was nothing to indicate today that the administration had undergone any change. Officials still expect President Wilson to go to congress today if Carranza fails to act or reply favorably. No suggestions or proposals of negotiations will be accepted.

It is thought in diplomatic circles that the delay of Carranza is intentional, and that he is waiting to hear from South and Central American countries. Many of the South American papers have come out emphatically for the United States. If this is the case Carranza can't expect much help from the south.

Carranza troops are appearing south of the American line, but at no point are they sufficiently close to cause fear of a clash. This is the gist of a report brought in to head quarters at Columbus, New Mexico, late last night. It is reported that several shots were fired upon Mexicans as they tried to cross the line in the vicinity of Nogales, Arizona, early yesterday morning.

Pending the arrival of the missing delegates or instructions to fill their places, there will be no session of the American union against militarism today. The union is endeavoring to avert war between this country and Mexico. David Starr Jordan stated that other unions would join him here before the end of the week.

PILBEAM AMUSEMENT CO.

Arrangements Completed for Big Celebration—McGee Here Monday

The announcement Wednesday by the committee in charge of the celebration in this city on the Fourth that the Pilbeam Amusement company had signed a contract to show in this city during the week of the Fourth completes the gigantic program the committee have been laboring upon for several weeks. The Pilbeam people have been in the city before and have established a reputation as a clean and up-to-date institution. They come from Detroit directly to this city.

It is expected that Don McGee will arrive in the city early Monday and commence setting up his machine. The committee hope to make arrangements with McGee to give a free flight perhaps Monday evening.

The committee in charge of the races for the day announce the following races and entries:

Free-for-all race—Clare Boy, 2:14; Miner Girl 2:24; Nora Bell, half in 1:05; Highland Boy, 2:14; Lady Hickok, 2:24; The Clown, 2:24.

Class A trot—Baron Hope; Angeline, S., Ollie Jay, 2:15; Stratheart; May Silver, 2:17; Potter B, 2:18.

Class A race—Jessie B, 2:44; Anna Mack; Gypsy Kid, 18; Russell Thorne; Vera Direct; Butcher Boy; Meadow Boy.

The committee state that already 25 horses are entered and it is expected on the day of the Fourth several more will register in all the races.

Just as we are going to press Manager Pringle states that he has secured another big attraction for the Fourth. LaMorman, an acrobat, will give a free exhibition of spiral climbing. He comes highly recommended as a thriller.

MEXICANS IN GRATIOT

Eighteen Swarthy Carranzistas Reach County After Hard Struggle

The streets of Ann Arbor were thrown into uncontrollable confusion Tuesday afternoon, according to a dispatch from that city when eighteen real live Mexicans wearing broad rimmed sombreros marched in military fashion down the main street. Private Fred Nugent and Sergeant Burke guarding the north end of the Terminal building were the first to sight of the "Carranzistas." The unexpected approach of the enemy startled both soldiers so much that the Mexicans almost over-stepped the official time pace limit before the command to "halt" was given.

"Who goes there?" roared Nugent when he had recovered his cavalry capacities.

"Citizens of Mexico City," was the response of an American escort.

"What do you want?" queried the guard after observing that none of the invaders moved to recover concealed arms.

"We are looking for the Ann Arbor depot," announced the spokesman.

"That's across the street," said Nugent.

Then the eighteen Mexicans and their escort, who gave his name as George Hein, farmer, of Michigan went in a body to the depot and boarded a north-bound Ann Arbor train. They claimed to be on their way to Michigan sugar beet fields and that is a good claim for they are now located near Middleton working for the Alma plant. Whew! Mexican growers in Gratiot.

ALLIES CLAIM GAINS ALONG ALL FRONTS

Europe Says United States and Mexico are Bluffing and There'll Be No War

It is the belief in German official war circles that the Allies are planning a tremendous assault along all the lines of the German defense. Anyway the Germans are feverishly reinforcing their lines in France and Flanders to withstand such an attack in case it materializes. Specially constructed railway cars are carrying heavy artillery to the front and several train loads have already reached their destination.

The London newspaper this week stated that the public was eagerly awaiting reports of the expected smash of the Allies. France and Italian press services stated also that in their opinion the crucial campaign of the war was about to commence.

In Rome, Paris and London great celebrations are progressing. The populace in the cities showed their patriotism by great demonstrations throughout the day. The police called a halt to fireworks early in the evening in order not to give air men a chance to target in case any were near. It is the opinion in Paris that an attack by the English forces in northern France will cause an abandonment of the German drive on Verdun.

On the eastern front the Russians have succeeded in driving the Austrians back and have entered the Carpathian passes. This has not been confirmed by any reports from Petrograd, but the silence on the part of the Austrians indicates that the Russian forces have made gains that are heavy losses to Austria.

The Italians have been meeting with unpretended success all along the border during the past week and are looking for a continuation of this week's success in the next ten days according to reports issued by the Italian war office. Several towns and many strategic points have been taken by the Italian troops.

According to official dispatches sent out from the various war offices, Europe is not much worried over the war situation now threatening a break between this country and Mexico. It is being reported in foreign papers that there will be no war and that this statement came officially from Washington. The statement from Washington said that only unexpected radical developments in the situation could change resolution of the American government to keep its hands off of Mexico.

Europe does not take the crisis between America and Mexico seriously and says that it would not surprise them if a peaceful settlement was reached in a very few days. The general feeling in European capitals is that both governments are bluffing and that there will be no war.

The Allies are especially anxious not to have war break out with Mexico. If it does this government will be compelled to cut short the supply of munitions of war to the Allies. Then, also, England would be rather glad to see Mexico remain a revolution-torn country for she fears in case of a struggle President Wilson will demand annexation.

MICH. TROOPS TO LEAVE SOON

Soldiers Anxious to Break Camp and Move To Border.

50,000 EASTERNERS ON WAY

Roosevelt Wants to Organize Volunteer Unit, Himself at the Head

Michigan soldiers are going to Nogales, Arizona. This announcement was given as follows: The troops Grayling last night and the itinerary was given out as follows: The troops will go to Chicago by the Michigan Central, thence to Milano, Texas, by the way of Topeka and Santa Fe, thence to Nogales, via San Antonio over the I. & G. N. railroad.

War would be more welcome than the present condition of suspense that not exists among the officers and soldiers at the camp. The troops are on tip-toe and are eager for the order to move south. As it is already known among the soldiers that it is only a question of a few hours before the official order will arrive there is great rejoicing among the rookies.

National guards from the east, numbering something like 50,000 have already been sent south to the border and have arrived at their destination. An order was issued Wednesday night by Major-General Barry, in command of the central department of the United States army, which includes Michigan, for the immediate movement to the border of all units of the Illinois, Missouri, Kansas and Wisconsin national guards.

The first regiment of Illinois national guards is en route for the border this afternoon. The Illinois cavalry will go at once to Brownsville, Texas, is the announcement from headquarters.

Theodore Roosevelt is preparing to offer a division of 12,000 men to the United States government according to a report from the Colonel's friends. It is the intention of Mr. Roosevelt to ask the government for a commission as major-general and to seek volunteers to go to the front.

Elaborate plans have been made to recruit the organization from picked men throughout the country, and it is said that the Colonel has worked out every detail that would facilitate the mobilization of such a unit. The division will consist, it is reported, of four brigades, instead of three as prescribed in the army regulations. It is understood that Colonel Roosevelt and his aids have consulted with his friends in the regular army holding high rank and the entire scheme has been received with approval. If it is permitted, the principal commanding officers will be drawn from the regular army.

NEUTRALITY WITH THE CIRCUS

One-third of the population of the transient city comprising the Carl Hagenbeck-Wallace circus, may be estimated as foreigners. A large percent of the performers are not Americans. Back in the dressing rooms more than a dozen different languages are spoken. The number of those identified with the allies and those related to the Germans and the Austrians are about equally divided.

In spite of the conditions and of the fact that there are heated arguments daily the orders of the management that neutrality must be observed are strictly obeyed. This is very doubtful if the same rule could prevail in any other sort of an institution without resulting in physical encounters and possibly murders. The Carl Hagenbeck-Wallace circus is now operated as an American institution, controlling and operated by Americans. They advocate neutrality and are enforcing it.

A CORRECTION

For the benefit of those who were unable to appreciate the rather amusing story of two foreigners appearing in Justice Mann's office, Monday, of last week, to have their difficulties straightened out, it is announced that the case was settled out of court, and that the judge did not "slash" a fine or carry on a "reduction sale" as was mentioned in last week's issue. We sincerely hope that the attempt to print a real interesting story, although in a few instances incorrect words were employed, the use of which might place the judge in a wrong light, will not lower the esteem in which Justice Mann is held in political circles in the city.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wysel were entertained Saturday evening and Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Whiting at their farm home, east of Ithaca.